

some time or another and this one here, it's an alternate type food for our body I guess and these people deserve a chance. We need to switch them over and have this chance from the Game and Parks to the Ag Commission and I think it's a bill that we all should look at in the future. Maybe it will turn out to be an alternate for us and I just urge your support for this bill, 718, thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Janssen, I was in support of the bill but right now I'm going to have to think a little bit hard to emu or not to emu, to me that's the question and so I'll think about that later. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Dierks, any closing?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well I think I'd better, Senator Withem. It seemed like that some of our bills here, we were talking about pasteurization of sheep milk here not too long ago and that brought forth quite a few humorous remarks and I'm glad that we can see humor in these things. I think that one of the things that I failed to mention was that with the elk, for instance, they are very expensive animals and they harvest the velvet from the elk and the velvet is the early stages of the antler and the velvet is used and ground up and sold for aphrodisiacs, I believe, and other types of medication over in Asia. And the money that you can receive from a mature elk's velvet could amount to as much as three or \$400 per year. It's worth more than actually slaughtering the elk so there's a lot of economic development in this area and there's many uses for these things. Cosmetic industry is one, the feathers from these birds is another. The velvet from the elk and, of course, the meat itself is a great value, low in cholesterol and provides...it doesn't take a lot of room to do this. It takes a very small amount of property to make these little operations work and it's an excellent advantage for people who want to keep a taste of the farm but don't have much farm to do it with. It's an excellent piece of legislation, I believe. So I would appreciate your advancing it to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. The question is,